

## **2001 PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Maine Department of Public Safety (DPS) is made up of nine bureaus: Maine State Police, Office of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Bureau of Highway Safety, Capitol Security, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Services Communication Bureau (E911). The department was established by the legislature in 1971 (MRSA Title 5, Chapter 351, Section 2901) and became a separate state department in 1972.

Michael F. Kelly has served as Commissioner since March 1998 following his appointment by Governor King and confirmation by the Maine State Senate. Commissioner Kelly came to state government following 22 years with the Lewiston Police Department, where he rose through the ranks to serve as police chief from 1994 to 1998.

In addition to the Commissioner, a deputy commissioner and a public information officer staff his office. Administrative Services also falls under the Commissioner with a staff of eighteen overseeing budgetary, financial, human resources, administrative support for DPS and criminal justice grants. Administrative Services also provides support for the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. The budget for the Commissioner's office is \$1,517,148 for fiscal year 2002. The sources of funding are broken down as follows: \$640,779 Highway Fund, \$523,615 General Fund and \$352,754 Special Revenue Fund.

### ***Major Public Safety Accomplishments in recent years***

***E9-1-1 services to 91% of Maine's population as of the end of 2001  
New Public Safety building in Houlton completed in 2000  
Renovations and opening of new criminal justice academy in 2000  
Combined training of troopers with municipal and county officers in 2001  
2001 was the safest year for drunk driving deaths  
Computer Crimes Task Force established in 2001  
Posting protection from abuse orders on the state's METRO system in 2001  
New arson section at the crime lab opened in 2000  
Computerizing of criminal history scheduled for 2002  
Expansion of the sex offender registry list in 2002  
Work beginning to upgrade State Police radio system in 2002***

### ***September 11, 2001***

The 2001 annual report of the Maine Department of Public Safety is dedicated to the 3,020 victims who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup> in the attacks on New York, the Pentagon and the plane crash in Pennsylvania. Among those victims were five from Maine.

On that infamous day, the first plane hit the World Trade Center at 8:48 a.m. and the Maine Emergency Management Agency's (MEMA) operation center was operational 29 minutes later. Governor King relocated his office to the center a short time later. State Police commissioned officers were meeting in Bangor when the attacks began and Colonel Sperry adjourned the meeting so his lieutenants could return to their respective troops.

In addition to the MEMA operation center, which State Police, Public Safety and EMS officials helped staff during the day, State Police organized their own command post at the crime laboratory. It took only 45 minutes for the department's computer and support staff (MIS) to install computer terminals and six telephone lines so State Police could coordinate their response from a central location.

During that first day it was determined that two of the mass murderers began September 11<sup>th</sup> by flying out of the Portland Jetport. That night, their rented car was located in the airport's parking garage and State Police impounded the vehicle. The car was later inventoried and processed at the State Police crime lab in Augusta by the FBI, with assistance from lab personnel.

State Police also fielded hundreds of calls from the public in the initial days after 9/11 reporting suspicious activities. All the calls were followed up and coordinated with the FBI, although most were of little use.

Following the anthrax scares in the weeks after 9/11, State Police, MEMA and the Bureau of Health wrote and distributed a protocol for local public safety agencies to use when responding to calls of suspicious packages and mail. Over 450 suspicious items were tested at the Maine Health Lab and none contained hazardous material.

A State Police lieutenant was later assigned to coordinate and develop plans for responses to future critical incidents. Those plans have been coordinated with MEMA and the Maine National Guard. Five state troopers and one non-sworn employee were called up for active military reserve duty following 9/11 and some expected to remain active for one year.

### ***Criminal Justice Grants***

Public Safety administers four grant programs from the US Department of Justice.

Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program (approx. \$3 million)

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (\$1million)

Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (approx \$350,000)

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Programs (approx \$300,000)

Criminal Justice grants are distributed through the Maine Justice Assistance Council whose members are appointed by the Governor. During 2001, Byrne funds supported projects combating illegal drug trafficking; expanding community policing, promoting crime and violence prevention, improving sex offender management and implementing criminal history records improvements. The STOP Violence Against Women money was awarded to law enforcement agencies, state and local prosecutors and a variety of service providers to enable them to better handle cases of violence against women and improve services to women who are victims of domestic violence. The Local Law Enforcement Block Grants supported training equipment acquisitions at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and assisted with equipment acquisition for State Police. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment funds supported Department of Corrections programs directed at inmates with acute substance abuse problems.

**The total budget for the Department of Public Safety is comprised of the following bureau budgets:**

<b>State Police</b>	<b>\$55,254,723</b>
<b>Fire Marshal</b>	<b>\$ 3,978,971</b>
<b>Liquor Enforcement</b>	<b>\$ 1,940,937</b>
<b>Maine Drug Enforcement Agency</b>	<b>\$ 3,137,331</b>
<b>Maine Criminal Justice Academy</b>	<b>\$ 1,866,538</b>
<b>Highway Safety</b>	<b>\$ 4,197,911</b>
<b>Capitol Security</b>	<b>\$ 602,622</b>
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	<b>\$ 1,446,339</b>
<b>Emergency Services Comm. (E911)</b>	<b>\$10,181,477</b>

Commissioner's Office	\$ 1,517,148
School employee fingerprinting	\$ 836,822
<b>TOTAL DPS BUDGET</b>	<b>\$84,962,049.</b>

## **Maine State Police**

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**Colonel Michael R. Sperry – Chief**

**Lt. Colonel Jeffrey D. Harmon – Deputy Chief**

The Maine State Police is the state's largest police agency with an authorized complement of 352 sworn personnel, ranging from trooper to colonel. As of April 1, 2002, there were 336 positions filled including seven new troopers training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. In addition to the sworn positions, State Police employ 177 persons in non-sworn positions. The largest segment being emergency communications specialists who staff the department's four regional communications centers.

The Chief of the State Police is **Colonel Michael R. Sperry**, who was nominated by Commissioner Kelly and Governor King in the fall of 1999 and confirmed by the Maine State Senate. Colonel Sperry joined the State Police in 1977 and initially patrolled in Franklin County. He served several years in the department's drug unit, and from 1989 to 1999 served in the southern Criminal Investigation Division, where he was promoted to sergeant and lieutenant, prior to his selection as colonel.

The Deputy Chief is **Lt. Colonel Jeffrey D. Harmon**, who joined the state police in 1982. Lt. Colonel Harmon's initial patrol area was Mattawamkeag. He later served in the criminal division as a detective and sergeant. Promotions to lieutenant and major brought him to headquarters and he has served as the deputy chief since late 1999.

Two majors complete the top command of the State Police.

**Major Charles N. Love** oversaw the eight field troops and the criminal division in 2001. Major Love joined the State Police in 1970 and spent the majority of his career in the criminal division. He retired in May of 2002.

**Major Robert A. Williams** oversaw the other divisions in 2001. Major Williams joined the department in 1984 and patrolled the majority of his career in Troop C-Skowhegan. In May 2002, Major Williams transferred to succeed Major Love and Lt. Craig Poulin was promoted to major and succeeded Williams.

**The total State Police budget (fiscal year 2002) is \$55,254,723 broken down into the following accounts:**

<b>\$14,544,274</b>	<b>general fund</b>
<b>\$22,401,837</b>	<b>highway fund</b>
<b>\$ 1,410,029</b>	<b>special fund</b>
<b>\$ 6,328,206</b>	<b>federal fund</b>
<b>\$ 3,889,016</b>	<b>special fund (Maine Turnpike Authority)</b>
<b>\$ 3,278,433</b>	<b>special fund (commercial vehicle enforcement)</b>
<b>\$ 990,234</b>	<b>highway fund (Traffic Division)</b>
<b>\$ 1,153,794</b>	<b>highway fund (motor vehicle inspection)</b>
<b>\$ 1,108,964</b>	<b>licensing and enforcement</b>
<b>\$ 836,822</b>	<b>school employee fingerprinting</b>
<b>\$ 149,936</b>	<b>computer crimes task force</b>

## **HONOR ROLL**

### **STATE TROOPERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

Trooper Emery Gooch 1885-1924

Officer Gooch was killed when he lost control of his motorcycle in Mattawamkeag on August 9, 1924. He had joined the State Highway Patrol the month earlier.

**Trooper Fred Foster 1898-1925**

Trooper Foster was killed when his motorcycle struck a horse hauling a load of hay. The accident occurred in Belfast on August 20, 1925. He had joined the State Highway Patrol in 1924.

**Trooper Frank Wing 1902-1928**

Trooper Wing was killed when his motorcycle collided with an oil truck in Millinocket on August 19, 1928. He had joined the State Police two months earlier.

**Trooper Charles Black 1936-1964**

Trooper Black was shot to death on July 9, 1964 outside the Maine National Bank in South Berwick during an armed robbery. He joined the department in 1958.

**Trooper Thomas Merry 1952-1980**

Trooper Merry was killed on July 12, 1980 in Palmyra when struck by a car involved in a high speed chase. Merry had parked his cruiser as part of a roadblock and was attempting to seek safe cover when struck by the fleeing car. He joined the State Police in 1977.

**Trooper Michael Veilleux 1962-1986**

Trooper Veilleux was killed on June 17, 1986 when he lost control of his cruiser and it overturned in Dayton. He had graduated from the State Police Academy the previous month.

**Detective Giles Landry 1952-1989**

Detective Landry was shot to death on March 31, 1989 while investigating a child abuse complaint in Leeds. The gunman also killed a woman who had been talking to the Detective, and then killed himself. Landry had joined the State Police in 1976 and was promoted to Detective in 1988.

**Trooper Jeffrey Parola 1967-1994**

Trooper Parola was killed on November 13, 1994 when his cruiser crashed in Sidney. He was a member of the Tactical Team and was responding to a domestic violence call at the time. Parola joined the State Police in 1989.

**Trooper James Griffith 1961-1996**

Trooper Griffith was killed on April 15, 1996 when a second vehicle in Warren struck his cruiser, as the Trooper was attempting to make a U-turn to pursue a speeding car. Griffith had joined the State Police in 1986.

**Detective Glenn Strange 1951-1997**

Detective Strange died of heart problems on October 10, 1997, days after arresting a violent drunk driver who had kicked and punched him in the chest in the town of Linneus. He had joined the State Police in 1994 following a teaching career and was promoted to Detective weeks before his death.

## **STATE POLICE TROOPS**

### **TROOP A**

**Route 202 -- 502 Waterboro Rd., Alfred, ME 04002**

**phone 324-1150, fax 324-0872**

**Commanding Officer - Lt. Theodor G. Short**

Troop A covers York County and the town of Porter in Oxford County. The troop consisting of a lieutenant, 3 sergeants, 12 troopers and a secretary handled over 5,500 calls for service in 2001. The troop arrested 80 drunk drivers and charged 260 people with drug violations. There were 565 criminal complaints, 1,997 traffic complaints and 3,020 other complaints for other service.

The troop has been active with its community relations efforts through the local public access TV channel. Topics have ranged from anthrax to snowmobile safety. In addition, troopers have been assigned to continue contact and dialog with municipal officials.

During 2001, Troop A issued 2,772 summonses, 3,692 warnings and 2,988 defective vehicle warnings.

### **TROOP B**

**Route 26 - One Game Farm Road, Gray, ME 04039**

**phone 657-3030 , fax 657-5748**

**Commanding Officer Lt. Ronald C. Harmon**

Troop B is responsible for Cumberland, Oxford and Androscoggin Counties. The troop also patrols the 28 miles of Interstate 295 and 95 from Scarborough to Brunswick. The troop consists of a lieutenant, three sergeants and 28 troopers.

During 2001, Troop B handled 17,965 calls for service, an increase of 2,664 calls from the year before. Included in those calls were 8,283 traffic incidents; 1,924 criminal incidents; 7,624 civil and other public services and 118 drug investigations. During the year, the troop covered 12 motor vehicle fatalities and 376 personal injury crashes. Troopers spent a considerable amount of their patrol time with drunk driving enforcement and 252 persons were charged with operating under the influence.

Troop B continued its call sharing agreements with the Oxford and Androscoggin County Sheriff's Departments to coordinate coverage between deputies and troopers. The troop assigned three troopers as investigators to assist with criminal investigations. During 2001, the troop provided security for the Seeds of Peace Camp in Otisfield and assisted the Secret Service and Portland Police with visits to the Portland area by President Bush and members of his cabinet. Several miles of Interstate 295 between Yarmouth and Brunswick were repaved during the year and resulted in increased patrols by troopers to provide safety to the public and construction personnel.

### **TROOP C**

**Route 2 - P.O. Box 6570, Skowhegan, ME 04976**

**phone 474-3350, fax 474-0373**

**Commanding Officer - Lt. Dale P. Lancaster**

Troop C is responsible for patrolling Somerset and Franklin Counties, and northern Kennebec County. The geographic area is approximately 6,310 square miles. The Troop also patrols the 45-mile stretch of Interstate 95 from Augusta to Newport. The Troop has a complement of one lieutenant, three sergeants, 24 troopers, a troop detective, a secretary and a custodian.

During 2001, Troop C handled 12,488 calls for service, a 7.7 percent increase from 2000. There were 1,299 motor vehicle crashes, including nine fatalities. The troop covered 334 crashes with personal injury and 956 with property damage. Troop C issued 7,386 summons, 11,740 warnings and 2,044 defects.

In the area of drunk driving enforcement, 228 individuals were charged with operating under the influence. Troopers issued 1,058 warnings and 255 summonses for child safety seat and seat belt violations.

Call sharing agreements continue in Kennebec and Somerset counties. Major events in Troop C during the year included working with several federal and Canadian agencies, the Somerset and Franklin County Sheriff Departments in providing security at the US Border for "Summit of the Americas" meeting held in Quebec City. In June, troopers responded to a report of a multiple personal injury motorcycle accident on Route 23 in Canaan. The crash scene became very tense as troopers were confronted with over 40 motorcycles from several outlaw motorcycle gangs. Some motorcycles were moved, evidence was tampered and the participants became confrontational. It took a contingency of troopers and deputies to gain control of the scene.

In July, troopers and deputies again responded to a US-Canadian border crossing, this time at Coburn Gore. US Customs had seized a truck full of banned items heading to Cuba via Canada. Activists from the group "Let Cuba Live" overran US Customs and began hand carrying the items across the border. In August, Troop C worked with other state law enforcement agencies and the town of Starks providing security for the annual Hempstock event.

### **TROOP D**

**Route 1 - 446 Main Street, Thomaston, ME 04861**

**phone 354-2523, fax 354-0617**

**Commanding Officer - Lt. Jeffrey C. Trafton**

Troop D is responsible for the mid-coast area of Maine to include Waldo, Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties and the southern half of Kennebec County. The troop also patrols Interstate 95 from Brunswick to Gardiner. The Troop's personnel include a lieutenant, three sergeants, 23 troopers, a troop detective, a secretary and a custodian.

During the year, the troop handled 11,474 calls for service. These calls included 1,313 motor vehicles crashes and 165 drunk driving arrests. Criminal investigations resulted in several arrests and the recovery of nearly \$200,000 worth of stolen property.

Troop D personnel attended community police training during the year with other mid-coast police agencies to better serve the public. In addition, the troop assigned a trooper as the school resource officer at Mt. View High School in Thorndike. The program was well received by students, teachers, parents and the school board. The troop also continued working with the Knox County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement services to the islands of Vinalhaven and Northhaven.

### **TROOP E**

**Route 2 - P.O. Box 129, Orono, ME 04473**

**phone 866-2122, fax 866-3998**

**Commanding officer - Lt. Herbert R. Morse**

Troop E is responsible for Penobscot and Piscataquis counties and for patrolling the 107 miles of Interstate 95 from Newport to Sherman. The troop consists of a lieutenant, three sergeants, 24 troopers and a secretary. Also working out of the Orono barracks are eleven emergency communication specialists, a mechanic and a radio technician.

During 2001, Troop E handled 14,450 calls for service, a 7% increase over the 13,103 calls in 2000. Call sharing agreements with Penobscot and Piscataquis County Sheriff's Departments continued. Those two agreements assist in coordinating coverage between troopers and deputies in the two counties. Traffic enforcement was a large part of troop activities and troopers arrested 171 drunk drivers during the year. The troop investigated 1,213 motor vehicle crashes, including 10 fatalities and 346 with personal injury.

Troop E and the Penobscot Sheriff's Department formed a task force to investigate a rash of daytime burglaries that occurred during the year. Several different groups were identified as being involved.

### **TROOP F**

**Route 1 - 1 Darcie Drive, Houlton, ME 04730-3565**

**phone 532-5400, fax 532-5455**

The commanding officer during 2001 was Lt. Barry Smith, who retired in early 2002. Lt. J. Darrell Ouellette succeeded him in 2002.

Troop F consists of a lieutenant, three sergeants, 19 troopers, a secretary and a custodian. The troop is responsible for Aroostook County and the extreme northern sections of Somerset, Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties. In addition, the troop patrols Interstate 95 from Sherman to the Canadian border in Houlton.

During 2001, troopers arrested 147 drunk drivers and investigated 849 motor vehicle crashes. Of those crashes seven were fatalities and 269 resulted in personal injury. During the year Troop F covered a total of 7,804 incidents, compared to 8,929 during 2001.

For 62 years, Troop F was located in a wooden frame barracks alongside Route 1. In November of 2000, the troop moved into a new building, costing \$1.5 million, and located in the rear property of the former barracks. Other agencies with offices in the new building are Warden Service, Liquor Enforcement, Fire Marshal, Forestry, Probation and Parole, Juvenile Intake, and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. Also working out of the new Houlton public safety building is the regional communications center, staffed by a sergeant, a communication supervisor and five emergency communication specialists. Other Department employees in the new building include detectives assigned to the northern criminal division, a radio technician and a mechanic.

### **TROOP G**

**Maine Turnpike - 430 Riverside Street, Portland, ME 04103**

**phone 871-7755**

**Commanding Officer - Lt. Randall T. Nichols**

Troop G provides 24-hour patrol coverage for the 110 miles of the Maine Turnpike from the Piscataqua River Bridge in Kittery to Augusta. Troop G has an authorized complement of a lieutenant, four sergeants and 30 troopers. The troop's main office is located at Crosby Farm, turnpike mile 43.8, South Portland. Field offices are located at the York and West Gardiner turnpike maintenance facilities.

The \$3.8 million annual operating budget of Troop G is funded entirely by the Maine Turnpike Authority from toll revenues. During 2001, more than 55 million vehicles used the road, an increase of 1.6% over the previous year. In addition to routine traffic and criminal enforcement, Troop G concentrates on drug traffickers using the turnpike "pipeline." In cooperation with DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) and MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency), troopers were involved in numerous felony traffic stops of suspected drug traffickers.

The troop responded to 12,402 dispatched calls for service in 2001 (a 20 percent increase over 2000), including 1,500 reported traffic crashes, 775 criminal cases, and 266 drug seizures. There were 7 fatal crashes, 235 with personal injury, and 700 with property damage. The remainder were either non-reportable or unfounded. The troop has a full-time troop investigator to oversee major criminal and traffic investigations along with intelligence gathering and dissemination.

Troop G's traffic enforcement program makes use of aircraft, marked and unmarked cruisers, and the latest laser and radar speed measuring technology. Seventy-five aircraft enforcement details were held during the year. Troopers issued 42,000 traffic citations, warnings and defective equipment cards on the turnpike, assisted over 6,000 disabled motorists, and arrested 200 drunk/drugged drivers. The effort to identify and apprehend aggressive drivers has been enhanced by the addition of six unmarked patrol cars. Citizen use of cellular phones to report dangerous drivers, traffic accidents and criminal activity has enhanced troop responsiveness to these incidents. Troopers voice highway safety messages regularly over AM 1610, the turnpike's highway advisory radio system. At the request of the turnpike authority, greater emphasis has been placed construction zone speed enforcement. Increased attention has also been given to toll evaders through stepped up enforcement. The turnpike has installed cameras in some toll lanes to record the registration numbers of toll violators for administrative action.

Commercial vehicle enforcement is a priority and is conducted in cooperation with Troop K, the commercial vehicle enforcement unit, with special emphasis on detecting hazardous violations and "tired truckers" operating over maximum hour limits. Permanent weigh stations are located on the turnpike in Kittery and York. Several Troop G troopers have received specialized training in commercial vehicle enforcement. Over 1,700 trucks were checked by Troop G personnel alone, resulting in over 300 temporarily placed out of service for safety violations.

Annual increases in traffic volume create a challenging and potentially dangerous work environment for troopers tasked with keeping traffic flowing safely on a highway designed over half a century ago.

During 2001, the turnpike authority continued its five-year widening and modernization project, completing work on a six-mile section between Exit 5 in Saco and Exit 6 in Scarborough. A total of 30 miles from Mile 12-42 will be increased from four to six lanes. Safety improvements include: increasing the outside shoulders from 8 to 12 feet; creating more gradual side slopes; and building wider bridges. Troop G has a major role throughout the five year project with intensive traffic enforcement and traffic direction within work zones.

#### **TROOP J**

**Route 191 - P.O. Box 250, East Machias, ME 04630**

**phone 255-4000, fax 255-6113**

**Commanding officer - Lt. Wesley D. Hussey**

Troop J is responsible for Hancock and Washington Counties. The troop's main office is located on Route 191 in East Machias and the troop maintains field offices in Ellsworth and Calais. Troop J consists of a lieutenant, three sergeants, 15 troopers and a secretary.

Calls for service in 2001 totaled 6,888. Of those calls 1,306 were criminal, 1,867 were traffic related, 47 involved drugs and the remaining were civil or other public services. Troop J arrested 79 persons for drunk driving, and investigated nine fatal motor vehicle crashes and 241 others with personal injury

The troop continued work with the Washington County Sheriff's Department, the Peaceful Choices Domestic Violence Project, the District Attorneys office, probation and parole and three domestic violence coalitions for a grant funded domestic violence investigator in Washington County. In addition the troop worked with a safe start initiative of keeping children less than six years of age safe. Also in 2001, the troop worked with the new Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) in Hancock County in developing protocols for the investigating sexual assaults.

Troop J was the first State Police troop to enter into a call sharing agreement with a sheriff's department and the troop continues to maintain that working relationship with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. Statistics for the calendar year 2001 from both Troop J and Hancock S.O. show that Troop J is now handling nearly 60 % of calls for service in the rural areas of Hancock County.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

The state police criminal investigation division (C.I.D.) is responsible for major criminal investigations including homicides, suspicious deaths and child abuse cases. C.I.D. investigates all homicides in Maine, except in Portland and Bangor. The Maine Attorney Generals Office prosecutes all homicides in the state and detectives work closely with those prosecutors.

The criminal division of the state police is divided into three sections (northern, central and southern), each headed by a lieutenant and two sergeants.

Maine recorded 19 homicides during 2001. Historically there are an average of 26 homicides each year in Maine. Detailed records of homicides began in 1971 when the Attorney Generals Office was designated as the prosecutor of all homicide cases. In the past 30 years, the safest year was 2000 with 11 homicides. The worst year on record was 1989 with 40 homicides.

The three C.I.D. sections of the state police:

#### ***CID I - Southern Division***

***One Game Farm Road, Gray, ME 04039***

***phone 657-5710***

***Commanding Officer - Lt. Brian T. McDonough***

CID I has 14 detectives covering York, Cumberland, Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin counties.

#### ***CID II - Central Division***

***18 Meadow Road, State House Station #104, Augusta, ME 04330***

***phone 287-7502***

***Commanding Officer - Lt. Timothy S. Doyle***

CID II has 11 detectives covering Kennebec, Somerset, Waldo, Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties.

#### ***CID III- Northern Division***

***106 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401***

***phone 941-4071***

Commanding Officer - Lt. J. Darrell Ouellette. In April, 2002, Lt. Ouellette was transferred as the commanding officer of Troop F in Houlton.

CID III has 11 detectives covering Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, Washington and Aroostook Counties. In addition, one detective is assigned to the Violent Crimes Task Force, working out of the US Attorney's Office in Bangor.

#### **Polygraph Unit**

Lt. J. Darrell Ouellette - Supervisor

Sgt. Douglas W. Parlin - 657-5712

In 2001, the State Police polygraph examiners became a separate unit within the criminal division. The unit currently has three examiners assigned, along with a full time examiner supervisor. The examiners are assigned geographically in Houlton, Bangor, Augusta and Gray.

Each examiner is a certified and licensed graduate of the Canadian Police College polygraph examiners training course and has extensive training in polygraph testing, statement analysis, interview and interrogation. The unit offers its services to all Maine law enforcement agencies for investigations, and pre-employment testing.



During 2001, the polygraph unit conducted 369 polygraph examinations. Of the total exams administered, 136 were conducted for the State Police and 250 tests were administered to police applicants. The majority of forensic exams were conducted in sexual assault cases, followed by thefts, arsons and death cases. The unit's confession rate was 57%

Maine Missing Children Clearinghouse  
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The clearinghouse is the link to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other clearinghouses across the country. On average, about 150 children are reported missing each month in Maine; the vast majority are runaways who return home. During 2001, the national center forwarded 80 leads to the Maine Clearinghouse.

### **MAINE'S 19 HOMICIDES IN 2001**

1-4 Jonesboro 23 year old Christopher Ingraham shot to death with a handgun. His girlfriend, Katrina Bridges, 19, charged with murder. DOMESTIC

1-12 Portland 88 year old John McCann beaten to death outside supermarket. Derek Soucy, 23, charged with murder.

1-31 Chelsea 5 year old Logan Marr suffocated while wrapped in duct tape in a chair. Her foster mother, 39 year old Sally Schofield indicted for murder. DOMESTIC

2-7 Patten 24 year old Christina Gray and her 19 year old sister, Vicki Morgan are shot to death with a shotgun by Gray's 68 year old husband, Harold Gray, who shoots and kills himself. Double Murder-Suicide DOMESTIC-TWO DEATHS

3-8 Benton 37 year old Marc Desrosier bludgeoned to death with a hammer. 25 year old Smokey Heath Jr., charged with murder.

3-25 Carmel 48 year old Calvin Hamilton shot to death with a handgun. 42 year old Donald Robichaud charged with murder. Hamilton had been dating Robichaud's former common-law wife. DOMESTIC

5-17 Tremont 33 year old Irene Placer shot to death with a handgun by her husband, 35 year old Forrest Placer, who shoots and kills himself. Murder-Suicide DOMESTIC

7-22 Swans Island 18 year old Stacy Wheaton stabbed to death by her new husband, 23 year old Jamie Wheaton, who shoots and kills himself. Murder-Suicide DOMESTIC

9-30 Auburn 58 year old Robert Thibodeau beaten to death. His friend, 53 year old Robert Alley is charged with murder.

10-2 Lewiston 84 year old Helen Caron dies in an apartment house fire started by arson. OPEN CASE

10-13 Corinth 60 year old Donna Leen bludgeoned to death with a hammer in her taxicab. 20 year old Carl Wayne Heath charged with murder.

10-21 (Location Uncertain) 25 year old Amy St. Laurent disappears from Portland. Her body is found buried in Scarborough on December 8. She was shot to death with a handgun. On February 8, 2002, 22 year old Jeffrey Gorman is indicted for murder.

11-8 Township 8 77 year old Alfred Michalik shot to death with a rifle near his hunting camp. His son, 33 year old Alan Michalik is charged with murder. DOMESTIC

11-9 Bangor 40 year old Jack Sears is assaulted and dies the day after from head injuries. A friend, 43 year old Bruce Mann is charged with manslaughter.

12-16 Caswell 27 year old Tara Bell is found stabbed to death inside her home. Laura Kirk, 33, charged with murder.

12-19 Lewiston 44 year old Gregory Rowe found dead inside his Blake Street apartment on 12/21. In April 2002, Keith Doyon, 25, a friend, was indicted for manslaughter.

12-22 Tremont 25 year old Zachary Savoy beaten to death at a neighbor's home. Edwin Graham, 25, is charged with murder.

12-28 South Portland 24 year old Jessica McDevitt shot and killed with a handgun by her former boyfriend, 24 year old Keegan Thomas, who shoots and kills himself. Murder-Suicide DOMESTIC

Nine of the victims were the result of domestic violence. The nine victims were 5 women, 2 boyfriends, a father and a foster child.

Of the 19 homicides, eight of the victims were shot to death- five by handgun, two by shotgun and one with a rifle. Four of the victims were beaten to death, two stabbings, one arson case and one suffocation.

Of the 19 homicides, State Police investigated 17. CID 3 had ten; CID 1 had four and CID 2 had two. There was one homicide each in Portland and Bangor. In addition Portland Police and CID 1 investigated the Amy St. Laurent case jointly.

**Here is a breakdown of the Maine homicides since 1990:**

**There were 266 homicides since 1990, with 135 domestic violence related (51%). Of those 135 victims, 71 were women and 32 were children.**

	total	domestic	%
1990	29	11	38%
1991	22	9	40%
1992	25	16	64%
1993	16	11	69%
1994	28	12	46%
1995	20	10	50%
1996	25	13	52%
1997	19	6	31%
1998	26	15	57%
1999	25	16	64%
2000	14**	8**	57%**
2001	19	9	47%

**\*\*three of the homicides listed during 2000 occurred in 1982, 1989 and 1996, but the bodies of the victims were located in 2000**

***TRAFFIC DIVISION - TROOP K***

***397 Water Street, Gardiner***

***mailing address - State House Station #20, Augusta, ME 04333***

***phone 624-8939, fax 624-8945***

***Commanding Officer - Lt. Jonathan H. Mahon***

The Traffic Division is the largest troop in the state police with a lieutenant, six sergeants, 31 troopers, 13 motor carrier inspectors, a motor carrier supervisor and six clerical staff.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU)

This unit is responsible for enforcing the size and weight regulations for the thousands of commercial trucks that travel in Maine and the drivers who operate them. CVEU is staffed with 4 sergeants, 19 troopers, 13 motor carrier inspectors, a motor carrier supervisor, a hazardous material specialist and a secretary.

93,868 commercial vehicles were checked during the year at roadside inspections and the many weigh stations around the state, and 25,131 of those vehicles were also weighed. In addition logbooks were also checked to insure compliance with federal hours of service regulations.

CVEU continues to take a larger role in the investigation of commercial vehicle crashes with many local police and sheriff's departments and fellow troopers calling on the expertise of the unit when truck crashes take place. In addition, Maine law requires CVEU to be involved when a fatality has occurred involving a school bus or commercial vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds.

#### **Traffic Safety**

Maine requires all motor vehicles to undergo a safety inspection once a year. Inspections are conducted at automobile dealerships, service stations and garages. To insure inspection mechanics are complying with the state's many safety provisions, nine troopers conduct annual reviews of their performance and facilities. In addition, troopers personally inspect Maine's school bus fleet each spring and fall. There are about 7,000 active licensed inspection mechanics and 2,800 inspection stations. Vehicles registered in Cumberland County are also required to undergo an emissions test. Traffic Safety is staffed by a sergeant, nine troopers and two clerical staff.

#### **Accident Reconstruction and Records**

Reconstructing an accident involves a close analysis of skid marks, vehicle conditions and location, driver history, and a number of other factors in order to determine the cause of the crash. During 2001, 355 crashes were reconstructed. Statewide there are 47 certified reconstruction specialists from the local, county and state police ranks.

During 2001, State Police conducted 91 vehicle examinations.

State Police are the repository for all Maine traffic accident reports and about 45,000 were received during the year. Each report is reviewed, coded and processed by the office staff and sent to the Maine Department of Transportation for microfilming and analysis. Accident Reconstruction and Records is staffed by a sergeant, reconstruction specialist and two clerical staff.

#### **Fleet Safety Board**

The board reviews each accident involving a state police vehicle to determine if the crash was avoidable. During 2001, 70 fleet crashes were reviewed. The board looked at 89 crashes in 2000 and 135 crashes in 1999. Of the 70 crashes in 2001, 23 were judged preventable and 47 were non-preventable.

### **STATE POLICE TRAINING**

**Maine Criminal Justice Academy, 15 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro, ME 04989**

**phone 877-8017**

**Commanding Officer - Lt. Charles H. Howe**

Training is constant in a police organization and the state police conduct training at a number of levels. Operating out of the new academy in Vassalboro this section is responsible for advanced training for new troopers, in-service training, canine and monthly in-service training for a number of local, county and state law enforcement agencies and firearms in-service for members of the Department of Public Safety. In addition the training section oversees the complex application process and recruitment for new troopers.

During 2001 the first combined basic law enforcement training program was completed. The class was made up of municipal, county and state officers along with 10 new troopers. Previously, local, county and other state agencies trained separately from troopers. A second class began in early 2002 with seven new troopers. The new joint training is expected to keep the number of trooper vacancies down in the future with the ability to hire and train new troopers on a timely basis.

During the 1990s, 204 new troopers graduated from six separate training troops. This number does not include the 17 new troopers hired in 2001 and 2002.

### **CRIME LABORATORY**

**30 Hospital Street, State House Station #133**

**Augusta, ME. 04333-0133**

**Phone 624-7017, fax 624-7123**

**Director – Timothy D. Kupferschmid**

The nationally accredited crime laboratory is adjacent to headquarters. Twenty personnel in administrative, technical and clerical positions staff the laboratory. There are five sections: Forensic Biology, Forensic Chemistry, Latent Print, Ballistics and Photography. The forensic scientists perform analyses, write reports and present and defend their findings by testifying as expert witnesses in courts of law.

Two thousand one hundred sixty three cases from federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies were submitted to the laboratory during 2001.

#### **Forensic Chemistry Section**

This section is responsible for the examination, detection and analysis of various types of physical evidence. The chemists use chemical, serological, microscopic and instrumental analyses to detect, identify and/or compare fibers, paint, hair, glass, adhesives, cosmetics, polymers, gunshot residue, accelerants, accelerant residues and blood and body fluids. These evidence types are commonly collected from victims, suspects, motor vehicles, crime scenes and fire scenes. Five chemists are assigned to this section. The chemistry section also houses the Fire Debris Analysis Unit. In June 2001 the laboratory began accepting evidence from fire scenes, mostly from the State Fire Marshals Office. The unit received 49 fire cases during the year.

#### **Forensic Biology Section**

With a staff of four forensic DNA analysts and a forensic technician, this section performs DNA identification of remains for the medical examiner's office, DNA analysis on physical evidence, sperm searches and confirmatory tests for semen and blood. Blood samples from convicted felons are also received, stored, cataloged, and DNA profiled. All DNA profiles are stored in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database, which is searched for matches between evidence samples in separate cases (forensic hits) and convicted offenders (offender hits). These profiles are also compared to DNA profiles across the United States through the FBI's National DNA database. To date, Maine has produced matches in 30 criminal cases consisting of 12 forensic hits and 14 offender hits within Maine, as well as four offender hits from other states.

#### **Latent Print Section**

This section conducts examinations on many types of physical evidence from crime scenes. The section detects, develops, photographs and compares fingerprint, palm, footwear and tire track impressions. Unidentified latent fingerprint impressions are entered into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The AFIS database consists of over 420,000 criminal fingerprint cards from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. AFIS went on line in 1998 and has resulted in the identification of numerous suspects and deceased persons.

#### **Ballistics Section**

Responsible for the examination and comparison of bullets and cartridge cases recovered during criminal investigations to determine whether they were fired from a suspect weapon. Similar to the AFIS program, the ballistics version is known as Drugfire. Each bullet fired from a gun leaves a distinct marking and Drugfire has over 5000 images in its Maine database, as well as thousands of others from across New England. Eventually the system will be linked nationally.

#### **Photography Section**

Processes film submitted in connection with various types of criminal investigations, crime scenes, autopsies and latent impressions from fingerprint cases. In 2001, over 4,200 rolls of color film and 100 rolls of black and white film were developed resulting in over 64,000 prints. The photo section also performed over 150 hours of instruction to law enforcement officers statewide.

### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

**397 Water Street, Gardiner, ME 04350**

**mailing address – State House Station 164, Augusta, ME 04333-0164**

**phone 624-8701 fax 624-8765**

Commanding Officer - Lt. William A. Snedeker

Special Services oversees the air wing, executive protection, and the bomb, canine, crisis negotiations, underwater recovery and tactical teams.

#### **Air Wing**

Chief Pilot Wayne Ireland - 624-8794

This section is staffed by two pilots (although one retired in early 2002). State Police operate two fixed-wing aircraft and conducts surveillance flights, aircraft speed enforcement details and transports personnel in routine and emergency situations.

#### **Executive Protection**

Sgt. Patrick J. Fleming - 287-3531

Providing security to the Governor and his family is the responsibility of the Executive Protection Unit. Since his inauguration in January 1995, Governor Angus King has continued to live at his home in Brunswick, rather than at the Blaine House in Augusta, the official governor's residence in Maine. The Governor has provided an apartment in his home to accommodate the detectives who provide round the clock protection and who travel with him in the daily commute to the State House.

#### **Bomb Team**

Sgt. Frank E. Poirier – 474-3350

The bomb team has been active since 1994 and consists of five bomb technicians. The team is responsible for investigating actual or suspected explosive devices and was called out 94 times during 2001, compared to 54 times during 2000. Most of the increase can be attributed to the aftermath of 9/11.

#### **Canine Team**

Sgt. Michael J. Kaspereen - 877-8013

There are 27 working teams of troopers and their dogs who were involved in 1,195 calls during 2001. The teams were involved in 499 tracks and 422 drug searches. Other calls included many public appearances, 46 bomb searches and 36 building searches. The state police canine school conducted two dog classes in 2001 and trained 22 new canine teams for state, county and local police agencies. Two of the major calls during 2001 involving canine teams were a prisoner uprising at the York County Jail, and tracking down three persons attempting to enter the US from Canada.

#### **Crisis Negotiations Team**

Sgt. James L. Luce - 624-8785

This specially trained group of 19 negotiators responds to life threatening incidents such as suicidal threats, barricaded persons or hostage takers. Their goal is to open a line of communication aimed at resolving the situation in a nonviolent manner. The team works in conjunction with the tactical team and responds to most of their calls. During 2001 the negotiations team enjoyed a relatively quiet year responding to only 19 calls. That compares to an average of 30 calls in each of the previous five years.

#### **Underwater Recovery Team**

Lt. Raymond Bessette – 624-7061

The dive team consists of eleven members, eight from State Police and three divers from the Maine Marine Patrol. During 2001, the team participated in 34 dives consisting of 21 evidence and article recoveries and 9 body recoveries. The team also conducted five training sessions to maintain their diving skills.

#### **Tactical Team**

Sgt. Christopher Coleman – 866-2122

The tactical team responds to Maine's most dangerous calls of hostage and barricaded persons. The team consists of seventeen members, augmented by two canine handlers and two medics. During 2001 the team responded to 24 calls compared to 48 calls during 2000 and 35 calls during 1999. The team devoted several days to training in a variety of different locations and circumstances. Sgt. Richard Golden was the commander of the team during 2001, his 17<sup>th</sup> year with the team. Sgt. Golden retired from the State Police in early 2002.

### **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**397 Water Street, Gardiner, Mailing address – State House Station 164. Augusta, Me. 04333**

**Phone 624-8701, fax 624-8765**

**Commanding Officer – Lt. John P. Dyer**

The Special Investigations Division oversees gaming and weapons, concealed weapons, the Computer Crimes Task Force and criminal intelligence

#### **Gaming and Weapons**

Sgt. Barry G. Hathaway – 624-8775

This section consists of a sergeant, three detectives, two inspectors, and five clerical personnel. It is responsible for licensing games of chance, investigating illegal gambling, issuing

permits for concealed firearms and private investigator licenses. State Police issue concealed weapon permits to residents living in communities without police departments, and to out of state requests. In 2001, 2,453 concealed weapon permits were issued to Maine residents and another 1,072 to nonresidents. The permits are issued for four years and the cost is \$60. for non-residents and \$35 to Maine residents. Also issued during the year were 2,613 beano licenses, 10,503 games of chance licenses, 150 private investigators, 15 investigative assistant licenses, and 65 contract security licenses.

#### **Computer Crimes Task Force**

Sgt. Glenn Lang – 784-6422 ext. 259

This unit is housed at the Lewiston Police Department and is supervised by a State Police sergeant. Other members of the unit are from several municipal police departments and a State Police detective. There is a network of associate members throughout the state to assist with computer cases. Since the inception of the unit in 2000, over 300 computers have been forensically analyzed in a wide variety of cases such as child pornography, fraud, credit card abuse and forgery. Bangor Police Department and Houlton Police Department have donated personnel to staff future satellite computer labs in their respective areas.

#### **Criminal Intelligence**

Sgt. David Alexander - 624-8787

Criminal Intelligence is staffed by a sergeant, two field agents and three criminal analysts. It is responsible for obtaining, analyzing and disseminating criminal intelligence information. It also provides covert surveillance and detection equipment to officers in the field, along with technical support and training.

#### ***Fleet Services-Augusta***

***phone 287-8235, fax 287-8250***

***Fleet Manager-Eugene S. Bishop***

The four public safety garages service and maintain 550 vehicles; the majority are State Police cruisers. The Augusta garage is located in a rented facility at 765 Riverside Drive and staffed by four mechanics, a supervisor, an account clerk and a fleet support specialist. In South Portland, off the Maine Turnpike, the department's garage is staffed by two mechanics. Smaller garages are located at the Orono Barracks and the new Houlton Public Safety Building, each staffed by one mechanic.

Since 1996, Ford Crown Victorias have been used as patrol cars for troopers. In addition to Ford cruisers, administrators and detectives are issued Chevrolet Impalas.

#### ***Internal Affairs***

***397 Water Street, Gardiner, mailing address – State House Station 164, Augusta, ME 04333***

***phone – 624-8786, fax - 624-8711***

Lt. Craig A. Poulin and Sgt. James L. Luce. Lt. Poulin was promoted in May, 2002 to Major and was transferred to headquarters.

Internal Affairs is responsible for ensuring that all allegations of misconduct and other alleged violations by employees of the State Police are investigated. A lieutenant, sergeant, and a secretary staff the unit. Investigations are completed by the two sworn members or by oversight of investigators assigned at the troop level. During 2001, 118 complaints were reviewed by the unit, compared to 105 complaints during 2000. Of the 2001 complaints, 47 were sustained, 16 were not sustained, 20 were unfounded, 15 were exonerated, and 10 were closed as informational. Ten cases remained open at the time of this report.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

***36 Hospital St, State House Station 42, Augusta, ME 04333-0042***

***Commanding Officer - Lt. Raymond A. Bessette - phone - 624-7061***

***Northern Supervisor - Sgt. John E. Cote - phone 532-5423***

***Southern Supervisor - Sgt. Mark Sawyer - phone 657-3030***

Radio communication is a vital link for any law enforcement organization and the State Police maintain four regional communication centers (RCC), 22 transmitter sites and over 100 repeater and base stations. The state police also serve as the central computer link for Maine police agencies

seeking information from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.

**The department's four RCCs operate round-the-clock:**

**GRAY 657-3030 or 1-800-482-0730**

**AUGUSTA 624-7000 or 1-800-452-4664**

**ORONO 866-2122 or 1-800-432-7381**

**HOULTON 532-5400 or 1-800-924-2261**

**CELLULAR CALLS - 911**

**TDD / TTY line (Statewide) 1-888-524-7900**

With the implementation of E911, the four RCCs are now on line and receiving all wireless 911 calls throughout the state. Also going on line was a statewide "toll free" access number for the deaf for non-emergency calls to the State Police (1-888-524-7900). This number will ring into the Orono RCC, which will screen the call, answer any questions, or forward to the appropriate RCC for local service. The original TDD numbers assigned to each RCC will also remain operation for some time. Those original numbers are; 287-4478 (Augusta), 657-5740 (Gray), 866-5805 (Orono) or 532-7576 (Houlton).

The Gray RCC is staffed by two supervisors and 18 emergency communications specialists (ECS). During 2001, the Gray RCC received 47,480 calls for service (+ 13.1% over 2000). The Augusta RCC is staffed by two supervisors, 17 ECS' and handled 33,642 calls for service (+ 5.8% over 2000). The Orono RCC has one supervisor, eleven ECS' and received 30,672 calls for service (+ 9.4% over 2000). The Houlton RCC has one supervisor, five ECS' and handled 14,849 calls for service (a decrease of 8.6% under last year). Overall the Communications Division handled 126,643 calls (an increase of 7.3% over 2000). Since the implementation of wireless 911, the cellular calls into the four RCCs have increased dramatically. The Gray RCC received 112,486 cell calls during 2001.

Radio Repair is staffed by a supervisor, four technicians and one installation mechanic, who service the RCCs, transmitter sites and nearly 800 mobile radios for State Police and 18 other public safety agencies. The radio installation mechanic was added during 2001 at the Augusta location.

Beginning in August 2001, 62 new Decatur video systems have been installed in police cruisers bringing the total to over 100 cruisers with video systems.

The on-going issue with radio interference in York County from New Hampshire State Police was cleared up by the creation of a new frequency. State Police are seeking proposals for an entire new radio system infrastructure to be implemented in 2003.

The Maine Telecommunication and Radio Operation is the computer link between Maine police departments with the State Police serving as the central hub. During 2001, there were 47.8 million transactions, equating to 5,481 contacts every hour of the day. A significant change during the year was Maine protection orders added to the system, enabling police agencies greater access to information about protection from abuse orders.

**RECORD MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**36 Hospital St., Augusta, Mailing address - State House Station 42, Augusta, ME 04333-0042  
phone - 624-7009, fax - 624-7088**

**Commanding Officer - Lt. Jackie Theriault**

This unit oversees the State Bureau of Identification, sex offender registry, school employee fingerprinting, Uniform Crime Report and investigative records.

**STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION (SBI) Supervisor Ruth M. Lunn - phone 624-7104**

The State Bureau of Identification (SBI) is Maine's central repository for the criminal history records. There are over 500,000 individuals in the files, many with multiple offenses. SBI is located at the State Police headquarters and is staffed by eighteen employees.

During 2001, SBI received 216,689 requests for criminal history records. Those requests came from the criminal justice system, governmental agencies, nonprofit groups, and public and private employers. The Bureau is in the final stages of computerizing the criminal history records, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2002.

Criminal history background checks may be obtained from SBI for a fee of \$8 along with the person's name, date of birth, and purpose of request. Persons requesting their own criminal history record also need to submit a copy of their right index fingerprint.

**AFIS Criminal History Records Supervisor Lynn Morin** - phone 624-7011

Criminal History/AFIS Supervisor Wendy Cunningham - phone 624-7012

SBI has obtained a second Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) workstation. In 2001, 24,000 fingerprint submissions were processed through AFIS. Fingerprint submissions include criminal justice, school employees, job applicants, and adoptions.

**Sex Offender Registry** - Supervisor Donna Cote – phone 624-7100

SBI maintains Maine's Sex Offender Registry, which contains the names and addresses of over 650 offenders. Effective September 2002, anyone convicted of a sex offense after June 30, 1992, is required to register. It is anticipated that the registry will increase to 4,000 names because of this new law. The courts classify the offender as either a sex offender or sexually violent predator. A sex offender must register annually for 10 years, while a predator must verify their address every ninety days and register annually for life. An inquiry of the sex offender registry is available upon request.

### **Brady Handgun Law**

The Brady handgun law requires a criminal check and a five-day waiting period for anyone purchasing a handgun from a gun dealer. In 2001, SBI processed 2,306 criminal checks for handgun purchases and 58 convicted felons were found attempting to purchase a weapon.

### **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

Supervisor – Sgt. Thomas E. Kelly- phone 624-7003

Clerk Typist III – Mary B. Anderson –phone 624-7004

Uniform Crime Reporting is responsible for the collection of crime statistics and data from Maine's law enforcement agencies and publishes those findings in its annual "Crime in Maine" report. Among the crimes tracked are; murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, domestic violence, hate crimes, and assaults on police officers. The unit upgraded their incident based reporting repository during 2001 allowing agencies to submit more detailed incident-based crime data. In addition to the printed "Crime in Maine" annual report, Maine crime statistics are available on the DPS home page.

### **Investigative Records**

Clerk Typist II – Jessica L. Cummings

Microfilm Clerk- Pamela L. Tassinari

phone 624-7160 fax 624-7137

Investigative Records is the repository of State Police criminal and civil investigative reports. The reports are entered into a computerized master name index and microfilmed. There are 491,448 names and 194,224 cases currently on file dating back to 1983. Additional names exist on microfilm dating back to 1955. Request for those reports come from insurance companies, law enforcement agencies, law firms, and the public.

## **MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

**State House Station 42, Augusta, ME 04330**

**Director Wayne E. Gallant, 624-7106**

Management Information Systems (MIS) provides information technology services and support to the Department. MIS also provides information technology services to other criminal justice agencies in conjunction with the State Police's responsibility as the state's control terminal agency. Sixteen staffers make up the unit. Among the projects MIS plans to finalize during 2002 are the computerization of criminal history records and records management. An upgrade of core desktops services will be completed followed by the rollout of laptop computers in State Police patrol, traffic and criminal investigation vehicles.

## **Office of State Fire Marshal**

**397 Water Street, Gardiner**

**mailing address - State House Station 52, Augusta, ME 04333-0052**

**phone 624-8964, fax 624-8968**

**State Fire Marshal John C. Dean**



## **Assistant Fire Marshal Ladd G. Alcott**

The Office of State Fire Marshal is responsible for investigating all fires causing death or injury, suspicious fires and explosions. The office also oversees an inspection program aimed at identifying and correcting life safety hazards. The central office is made up of the fire marshal, assistant fire marshal, a planning & research associate and three secretaries. Construction of the new fire debris analysis section at the State Police crime lab was opened during 2001 and 47 cases were analyzed. The entire fire marshal budget of \$3,078,971 is funded from fire insurance premiums, fees, permits and inspections.

### **Investigation Division**

The Investigation Division consists of two sergeants, eleven fire investigators and two accelerant detection dogs. During 2001, the division responded to 404 fires, 52 fireworks incidents, 41 explosions, 2 LP gas incidents, and 91 other investigations. Of those investigations, 169 fires were ruled accidental, 151 were declared arson and 84 fires could not be determined. Investigators also inspected 299 fireworks display sites. K-9 Amy passed away during 2001 after 12 years of faithful service to the Fire Marshals Office. Amy, a black Labrador responded to hundreds of fire scenes and was involved in hundreds of criminal cases during her career along with her handler, Investigator John Morse. Amy appeared in many court cases and before most of the grand juries in northern Maine. Amy brought a great deal of good will to the agency and will be greatly missed.

The investigations by county were:

Androscoggin 22	Aroostook 30
Cumberland 57	Franklin 19
Hancock 23	Kennebec 40
Knox 12	Lincoln 9
Oxford 43	Penobscot 75
Piscataquis 21	Sagadahoc 18
Somerset 23	Waldo 21
Washington 34	York 59

### **Prevention Division**

The Prevention Division is staffed by a supervisor, 15 inspectors and three clerical personnel. It conducted nearly 5,500 inspections, mostly of day care and residential care programs. In addition to on-site inspections, construction plans for new buildings are reviewed for compliance with fire and life safety standards as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act and Maine Human Rights Commission rules and regulations. In 2001 the plan review section issued 775 construction permits, 547 barrier free permits, 524 sprinkler permits, 11 self-service gas station permits and 74 aboveground flammable liquid storage tank permits

### **Maine Fire Deaths - 1950 to 2001**

Since 1950, the Office of State Fire Marshal has kept detailed records of fire deaths in the state. The 1990s was the safest decade, thanks to the prominent use of smoke detectors, improved building codes and increased fire prevention programs by local fire departments.

1950 to 1959 -- 484 deaths

1960 to 1969 -- 493 deaths

1970 to 1979 -- 498 deaths

1980 to 1989 -- 324 deaths

1990 to 1999 -- 200 deaths

1990 - 27

1991 - 14

1992 - 28

1993 - 27

1994 - 20

1995 - 12

1996 - 17

1997 - 16

1998 - 15

1999 -- 24

2000 - 17

2001 - 18

Maine's deadliest fires since 1950:

March 2, 1950: Monson house fire kills eight (two adults and six children)

July 4, 1967: Oxford house fire kills eight (three adults and five children)

September 20, 1984: Hartland house fire kills five (one adult and four children)

Deadliest year for fire deaths was 1967 with 70 deaths

Safest year for fire deaths was 1995 with 12 deaths.

## **Maine Criminal Justice Academy**

**15 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro, ME 04989**

**phone - 877-8000, fax - 877-8027**

**Director Steven R. Giorgetti**

The Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) is the central training facility for state, county and municipal law enforcement officers and corrections personnel. The campus is located at the former Oak Grove-Coburn School in Vassalboro. From 1972 until December 28, 2000, MCJA was located on Silver Street in Waterville at the former Thomas College facility.

MCJA has a staff of fourteen and operates on an annual budget of \$1,888,538. The sources of funding for the budget are \$713,646 general fund, \$392,151 federal grants and \$594,279 special revenue (tuition). In addition to the full time personnel, the academy relies on volunteer instructors, mostly from the law enforcement, corrections and criminal justice fields.

During 2001, the academy held two 12-week municipal-county basic police schools, graduating 98 new police officers. In addition, the academy hosted its first basic law enforcement training program, combining the municipal, county and State Police training programs. The first class graduated 48 new police officers. This was the first time officers from those three levels of law enforcement trained together. Previously municipal officers and deputies trained together, and troopers were trained separately. A second class of 58 officers graduate in June 2002.

Also trained during the year were 84 harbor masters, 264 corrections officers and 249 students in the 100-hour pre-service law enforcement course. The academy also sponsored 176 other courses during the year for 4,486 students and 272 regional classes for another 7,628 students.

### **New Academy - Oak Grove**

Since the mid 1980s, academy officials have been looking for a site for a new MCJA campus because of over crowding at the Waterville location. In 1989, the state purchased the former Oak Grove-Coburn School, but a downturn in state finances delayed any renovations and it sat vacant. In 1998, Governor King and the Maine Legislature appropriated \$11,271,203 to renovate the building. Another \$2,000,000 was later appropriated to augment the building fund. Ground breaking took place on September 7, 1999 and work began to convert the former prep school into a modern police academy. On December 28, 2000, academy staff completed the move to the new facility and officially transferred operations there.

### **Academy Board of Trustees**

A seventeen-member board of trustees, appointed by the Governor, oversees MCJA. The board meets regularly to consider training and admissions standards, certification of police and corrections officers, police chiefs and county sheriffs and review disciplinary action of law enforcement and corrections officers. Brian MacMaster from the Attorney General's Office served as chairman. Other members of the board during 2001 were Public Safety Commissioner Kelly; Wes Andrenyak, Correction Dept; Col. Timothy Peabody, Warden Service; Oxford Sheriff Lloyd Herrick; Col. Michael Sperry, State Police; Jerry Hinton, Brunswick Police; Amy Berry, South Portland Police; Travis Roy, South Berwick Police; Roberta Tibbetts, Scott Pomroy, Richard Harburger, James Ferland, Laurel Daigle, Linda Smithers, Lois Galgay Reckitt and Michael Carpenter

## **Bureau of Highway Safety**

**397 Water St., Gardiner**

**mailing address – State House Station 164, Augusta, ME 04333-0164**

**phone - 624-8756, fax - 624-8768**

## **Director Richard E. Perkins**

The Bureau of Highway Safety (BHS) promotes safety programs to reduce death and injuries on Maine roads. During 2001, BHS had a staff of six and operated on an annual budget of \$2,944,414 funded from the following sources; \$2,414,000 federal funds, \$455,779 highway funds and \$74,634 matching funds from grants and defensive driving courses.

The bureau administers a federal grant-in-aid program directed at improving driver behavior, manages the state's defensive driving program and administers the implied consent program to test drivers suspected of operating under the influence. Much of the funding for the bureau comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is passed through to local, county and state police agencies.

BHS continued its support of the Maine Crash Reporting System which allows police officers to use laptop computers to collect traffic crash information. Phase III of that project gives departments the ability to submit traffic crash reports electronically. BHS also supported twenty-five grants to local and county police agencies for OUI enforcement efforts, which included roadblocks and special patrols. BHS administers the NETS (Network of Employers for Traffic Safety) program. NETS works with public and private businesses to promote traffic safety for employees and their families. During the year, 5,526 persons attended defensive driving classes conducted around the state. The course is five hours of classroom instruction emphasizing safe driving and crash avoidance.

### **Alcohol Involved Motor Vehicle Fatal Crashes**

**(1980 to 2000)**

<b>1980</b>	<b>60.2 % 157 out of 261 fatalities</b>
<b>1981</b>	<b>60.2 % 127 out of 211 fatalities</b>
<b>1982</b>	<b>50.6 % 84 out of 166 fatalities</b>
<b>1983</b>	<b>56.7 % 127 out of 224 fatalities</b>
<b>1984</b>	<b>53.8 % 125 out of 232 fatalities</b>
<b>1985</b>	<b>53.4 % 110 out of 206 fatalities</b>
<b>1986</b>	<b>50.5 % 108 out of 214 fatalities</b>
<b>1987</b>	<b>49.1 % 114 out of 232 fatalities</b>
<b>1988</b>	<b>34.8 % 89 out of 256 fatalities (.08 law effective 8/4/88)</b>
<b>1989</b>	<b>32.1 % 61 out of 190 fatalities</b>
<b>1990</b>	<b>38.0 % 81 out of 213 fatalities</b>
<b>1991</b>	<b>35.6 % 73 out of 205 fatalities</b>
<b>1992</b>	<b>39.7 % 85 out of 214 fatalities</b>
<b>1993</b>	<b>40.0 % 74 out of 185 fatalities</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>34.4 % 65 out of 189 fatalities</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>27.1 % 51 out of 188 fatalities</b>
<b>1996</b>	<b>32.5 % 55 out of 169 fatalities</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>32.8 % 63 out of 192 fatalities</b>
<b>1998</b>	<b>26.0 % 50 out of 192 fatalities</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>28.2 % 51 out of 178 fatalities</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>27.2 % 46 out of 169 fatalities</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>24.4% 47 out of 192 fatalities</b>

The deadliest year on Maine roads was 1970 when 276 persons died, and the safest in recent years were 1996 and 2000 with 169 deaths in each year.

## **Maine Emergency Medical Services**

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Augusta, ME 04333**

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**Director Jay R. Bradshaw**

Maine EMS (MEMS) is the agency responsible for the regulation, coordination and oversight of the emergency medical services system. The bureau is also responsible for the training, licensing, and patient care standards for EMS services and personnel. MEMS also oversee the Maine EMS Trauma Plan which directs and monitors the care of seriously ill and injured patients treated by Maine hospitals.

MEMS has 6 full time employees and has contracts with six regional EMS offices. These six offices are each non-profit corporations that coordinate the training, examination, and quality assurance activities in their respective geographic areas.

For FY 02, the budget was \$1,446,339, funded by state general fund, a federal EMS for Children Grant, and by license and examination fees--a portion of which are returned to the regional offices.

MEMS licenses approximately 285 services, 500 vehicles, and 4,500 individual providers. The office conducts annual inspections of the services and vehicles, and investigates complaints involving EMS practice. MEMS also monitors the delivery of training programs and updates curricula to meet national standards.

In addition to regulatory functions, Maine EMS continued its activity in youth suicide prevention, pediatric EMS treatment, and playground safety. An electronic "Emergency Guidelines for Maine Schools" was created and added to the MEMS web site. Although MEMS has been involved in hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction programs for several years, that activity took on a heightened role following the events of September 11, 2001. In the hours and days that followed the terrorist attacks, MEMS became the clearinghouse for information and resources for Maine's health care community.

## **Bureau of Liquor Enforcement**

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The Bureau of Liquor Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the state's liquor laws, issuing liquor licenses and collecting malt and wine taxes. The bureau, which began in 1933 with the repeal of prohibition, was originally named Division of Liquor Enforcement and Licensing within the State Liquor Commission. In 1972, the enforcement division was placed under the newly created Department of Public Safety and given its present name. In 1993, the licensing and tax division of the State Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages was transferred to the bureau. Today, Liquor Enforcement consists of a staff of 29 personnel and operates on an annual budget of \$1,940,937 from the general fund.

The Enforcement Division consists of the director, an assistant director, three sergeants, a training coordinator, 13 enforcement officers, two clerical and a mechanic at the garage. Officers conduct inspections of establishments licensed to sell liquor and conduct routine checks to ensure compliance with Maine's liquor laws. The officers, who have full law enforcement powers, work closely with other law enforcement agencies to enforce laws and investigate complaints of underage drinking, fraudulent identification use, furnishing liquor to minors and drunk driving crashes. During 2001, 372 liquor license holders and 119 of their employees were cited, and 225 received warnings for liquor violations. The vast majority of those violations involved illegal sale and consumption or possession of liquor by minors. Liquor Enforcement Officers issued 1,094 summonses for criminal and civil violations, mostly involving minors. The Bureau conducts dozens of "Officer As Agents" programs throughout the year which assists stores and restaurants by having an undercover officer pose as an employee or patron to detect and enforce liquor law violations and other crimes.

The Licensing Division with three licensing inspectors and two clerical, works with liquor licensees and new applicants in the issuance of liquor licenses. The Malt and Wine Division has one liquor tax auditor and one clerical position responsible for the collection of liquor taxes that amounted to \$11.8 million in 2001. This division reviews manufacture and wholesale license applications and is responsible for the registration of approximately 10,000 product labels.

The Bureau's "BASIC" program provides instruction in liquor laws, false identification, detection of minors and intoxicated persons and preventing liability. The Bureau trained and issued certificates to hundreds of wait staff, bartenders and store clerks during the year. The Bureau oversees 20 similar private programs which are approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety after review by the Maine Alcohol Server Education Advisory Committee.

Liquor Enforcement has been active with the Maine Underage Drinking Task Force and is currently working on pilot projects with the towns of Fort Kent, Old Town/Indian Island, Gardiner and Auburn in an attempt to reduce underage drinking through enforcement efforts and changing community norms.

The bureau is an active member of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association and hosted the group's annual meeting during 2001 in Maine.

**Maine Drug Enforcement Agency**  
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**Director Roy E. McKinney**

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (MDEA) is the state's multi-jurisdictional task force with officers from local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. During 2001, 34 officers were assigned to MDEA. In addition, seven Maine National Guard officers work with MDEA as part of the guard's counter-drug program.

During 2001, MDEA was staffed with a director, an operations commander, six task force supervisors, an asset forfeiture/evidence supervisor, 26 agents, an evidence officer and two secretaries. Except for the director and two secretaries, all other personnel positions are funded through the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program. During 2000, the Byrne Program reimbursed local communities \$1,382,468 for their officer's services while assigned to MDEA. State funding for MDEA consisted of \$796,833 from the General Fund and \$80,000 from special revenue funds (drug-related asset forfeiture seizures). MDEA has offices in Augusta, Bangor, Houlton, Lewiston, Lyman and Portland.

During 2001, MDEA contended with a huge increase in heroin use in Maine which exceeded cocaine as the state's major drug problem. Prescription drug abuse also increased during the year, along with Ecstasy and marijuana remains the most widely abuse drug.

**Initiatives**

New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

Cumberland County collaborative effort with US DEA focusing on the dismantling of cocaine and heroin distribution groups

Opiate Awareness Program

Bangor PD funded officer, MDEA and US Attorney's Office working with communities, educators and health care professionals within Hancock, Penobscot and Washington County

Clandestine Laboratory Response Team

Select MDEA officers have received training and are OSHA certified and equipped to investigate and dismantle highly dangerous Methamphetamine labs – 2 in Maine in the last 6 months

Providing Source Management, Surveillance and Drug Identification & Interdiction to the MCJA, police regional training and other criminal justice professionals

Drug awareness presentations before civic groups, schools and professional groups on Maine's drug trends

**Measures**

During FY 2001, MDEA was responsible for:

for 54% of all drug sale arrests made in Maine

received 1,328 reports of suspected drug trafficking

conducted 883 investigations and 167 search warrants resulting in the arrest of 661 persons (a decrease of 18% from the previous year)

assisted other agencies with 388 investigations resulting in the arrest 162 individuals involving 205 crimes;

Of MDEA's drug-related arrests:

30% were marijuana, 25% prescription drug, 19% cocaine, 18% heroin; and 8% all other drugs

Increased drug seizures over FY2000:

Heroin – 171% , Prescription drugs – 206%, Crack cocaine – 35%, Methamphetamine – 681%

MDMA – 7,968%, Ketamine – 1,461%

Seizures: 131 firearms (9 that were modified or assault type)

Nineteen automobiles valued at \$114,060.00

\$231,361.17 in drug related currency

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The Emergency Services Communication Bureau (ESCB) oversees the implementation and operation of the statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) emergency telephone reporting system. The system allows all telephone users to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency and be connected to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for their area. E9-1-1 provides the PSAP with the name, address, telephone number of the caller, and police, fire, and rescue agencies that serve that address.

ESCB operates on an annual budget of \$10,181,777 and has a staff of five. The funding for the bureau and E9-1-1 system comes from a dedicated interest-bearing account generated from a monthly surcharge on each telephone line in Maine. The surcharge was 50 cents per month during 2001 and 2002.

ESCB began PSAP activations in late 2000. By the end of 2001, 91% of Maine's population in 15 counties had E9-1-1 access through 48 PSAP locations. In addition, Aroostook County and portions of Hancock County are expected to be activated during 2002. Those 48 PSAPs receive about 17,600 calls each month.

Every 9-1-1 call-taker in Maine, over 670 to date, has been trained and certified in the use of the new technology and operational procedures by attending a two day course sponsored by the bureau. As part of the training, all students learn to operate the 9-1-1 equipment and are required to demonstrate their skill level as part of the course. ESCB continues to provide technical support for community addressing with 99 communities yet to finish the process as of the end of 2001.

ESCB has initiated planning to track cellular E9-1-1 phone calls and that activity continues in 2002.

## **Capitol Security**

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Capital Security is responsible for security and law enforcement for most state buildings in Augusta, including the State House complex, Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Stevens facility in Hallowell. The bureau also enforces parking regulations in all State House parking areas. Capitol Security consists of a director, sergeant, seven officers; three watch persons and a clerk-typist. Their office is located on the first floor (Room 111) of the State Office Building. The bureau operates on an annual budget of \$602,622 from the general fund.

The bureau was established by the Legislature in 1977 as a branch of the Department of Public Safety. During the fiscal year of 2001, the bureau processed over 2000 incidents from dealing with unwanted persons in state offices, responding to building alarms, and finding open windows and unlocked doors at state buildings. Capitol Security investigated 15 automobile accidents in the parking lots and issued over 1200 parking tickets. Officers also provided security for a number of Legislative hearings.

In the wake of 9/11, Capitol Security was involved in developing new security measures of the State House, AMHI and other buildings around Augusta. Among the changes was a new procedure to gain entry into the buildings, and alarm systems throughout the Capitol complex. Many of these new measures were made in conjunction with the renovations to the State Office Building that was completed during the year. New parking procedures were also initiated to improve security and traffic flow.